



REDLANDS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Stadium & Usage in Redlands USD

Has or does any other team use another high school or another location as their “home” field for sports competition?

- Yes. In fact that has been historically the norm in several sports. Redlands High School, and later REV, played all their “home” games at the U of R for many years. Thus, “home” game day set up always involved such things as moving equipment from RHS/REV and transporting players to an off-site “home” location.
- REV was built with a (then) CIF-caliber track, and for many years, RHS Track & Field program used REV for their “home” track meets. This involved RHS transporting equipment and athletes to an off-site “home” location and using REV as their “home” site.
- From the school’s opening, REV soccer programs (six teams) practiced and played games on the REV campus, sharing space with football (3 teams) and marching band. Beginning around 2008, REV soccer programs moved to the Redlands Sports Complex allowing all six teams to hold practice and games at the same time. This also allows for football practices and marching band practices to be held without sharing space with soccer. In the event that REV soccer programs elect to move back to the REV campus, the “shared field” schedule would go back into effect and practice times would become sequential. As a note, RHS which has the smallest acreage dedicated to field space, currently has a “shared field” schedule requiring practices be held back-to-back rather than simultaneously.
- Orangewood High School plays their “home” basketball games at the Community Center on Lugonia Avenue. This involves OHS transporting equipment and athletes to an off-site “home” location.
- Orangewood High School plays their “home” soccer games at the Brockton Park soccer field. This involves OHS transporting equipment and athletes to an off-site “home” location.

Use of Ted Runner Stadium at U of R

What is the history of using Ted Runner Stadium?

Ted Runner Stadium at the University of Redlands has always been considered a premium football field for high schools to play at, and even today is far superior to any high school stadium in RUSD.

Redlands High School historically played all their “home” games at the U of R, and when REV opened, they played their “home” games there too. The rental costs to use the U of R Ted Runner Stadium were paid for by the District, and concession stand funds were retained by the U of R.

With the completion of Dodge Stadium and Hodges Stadium, the District could accommodate all three comprehensive high school football programs without paying to use the U of R. This paralleled the period of time that Ted Runner Stadium underwent renovations at which point the U of R desired to cut back on rental of the stadium.

Thus, home games are played at Dodge Stadium and Hodges Stadium with no fees charged to the teams. The team holding the “home” game at the stadium retains all concession stand funds. Any team may rent the U of R, at their own expense, pending availability. However, concession stand funds are retained by the U of R.

How much does it cost to rent the U of R for a football game?

If available, Ted Runner Stadium currently costs \$3,625 per game with concession stand funds retained by the U of R. Prices change based on the size of the event, for example the last REV vs. RHS game held in 2014 was invoiced at \$4,073.

What type of availability is there to hold a game at the U of R?

The University of Redlands has a standing partnership with Redlands Unified School District and is willing to host District events. However, the U of R must honor its own expanding programs before it can honor outside requests. The expansion and growth of the U of R and its programs has made dates unavailable that may have been available in the past.

Water conservation is a recent issue that has led to the U of R limiting events in order to preserve the fields. There has been a cost savings to the University partially attributed to less wear and tear, damages, maintenance, and man hours associated with outside groups using University facilities.

Use of RUSD Stadiums

Why was REV built without a stadium?

Neither Redlands High School nor REV were built with stadium facilities. While not unheard of, at the time REV was built high school stadium projects were not prevalent. As Redlands High School had historically played all their “home” games at the University of Redlands, it was a natural assumption that REV would also play their “home” games at the University of Redlands. Ted Runner Stadium at the University of Redlands has always been considered a premium football field for high schools to play at, and even today is far superior to any high school stadium in RUSD.

Why was CVHS built with a stadium?

It was always known that if Redlands USD had more than two comprehensive high schools there would need to be some type of stadium facility, as the U of R could not accommodate three high schools playing at Ted Runner Stadium.

Even so, the preliminary concepts for CVHS did not include a stadium. At the time, RHS alum Larry Dodge had agreed to contribute funds for a stadium which was under development. It was assumed that REV and CVHS would play “home” games at the U of R, and RHS would play at Dodge Stadium.

The extreme escalation of construction costs during the mid-2000’s created a scenario that Measure R (2002) for \$60 Million was not enough to complete Citrus Valley High School. The portion of the school paid for by Measure R became known as “Phase 1”. Measure J (2008) for \$68 Million was ultimately passed by the community to complete the comprehensive high school, which became known as “Phase 2”. By the time CVHS was actually built, construction costs had significantly fallen – allowing for the District to complete the full Phase 1 and Phase 2 project, add a stadium and upgrade the theater arts building. In short, the ability to build a stadium as part of CVHS was a fortunate development that came from unexpected, but decreased costs. This gives the District two stadiums to arrange home games for three teams, without any of the schools paying for facilities use, or having to lose concession income.

How did RHS gain a stadium?

In approximately 2003, Redlands High School identified a donor to pay for a stadium. Alum Larry Dodge indicated that he would contribute \$5 Million for the purposes of building a stadium at RHS, and provide start-up support for what is now known as AAA Academy. RUSD entered into a QZAB loan to build the stadium, and Larry Dodge pledged to pay the \$5 Million QZAB loan. As a component of the “academy” requirement of the QZAB program, Larry Dodge also donated a one-time payment of \$90,000 to the REP Foundation as start-up funding for AAA Academy to provide tuition-based academic “get ahead” high school courses during the summer.

The District entered into the QZAB loan in 2004-2005, and the loan pay-off is due in 2020. The REP Foundation began AAA Academy (Academics, Arts & Athletics Academy) in 2005 and has offered tuition based summer programs for area high school students since that time. The federal government no longer funds QZAB loans.

REV Athletic Funding

Are REV Football boosters being charged to transport the football team, band, cheer etc. to games at CVHS and RHS?

Transportation via school bus is provided and paid by the District. In the event that any team wants to upgrade from a school bus to a charter bus, the difference is paid by the team or Boosters.

How is transportation for athletic teams funded?

The District allocates \$127,200 to each of the three comprehensive high schools to pay for transportation for extracurricular programs. Additionally, the District separately funds all CIF and State playoff transportation needs for all teams that qualify for post season play.

There are situations where Booster Clubs want to upgrade transportation from a school bus to a charter bus. In that case, the Booster Club picks up the cost for the difference between the school bus and charter bus.

Is REV being charged for use of CVHS and RHS stadiums when they have to play a “home” game at these venues?

No. REV does not pay to use Hodges or Dodge stadiums as they are District facilities.

Is REV band being charged to practice at CVHS and RHS stadiums?

No. REV does not pay to use Hodges or Dodge stadiums as they are District facilities.

Do REV Boosters get to keep concession profits when they use the other two schools, or does RHS/CVHS keep the money?

REV Boosters keep the concession profits when they use Hodges or Dodge stadiums.

What happens to the gate receipts from high school football games?

Each high school keeps the gate receipts from their team’s home games, and the school determines how the funds are spent. The following were the gate receipts from football season during 2014-2015:

Redlands High School Gate Receipts	Redlands East Valley Gate Receipts	Citrus Valley High School Gate Receipts
<i>\$30,547.10</i>	<i>\$48,079.40</i>	<i>\$45,701.43</i>

Are lights needed for football practice?

Until the completion of Dodge stadium in 2008, no football team in RUSD was able to practice after dusk on their home campus. During some years, football teams moved to Community Field if they wanted to move practices later in the day.

Practices traditionally are held starting at the end of school approximately 2:30 (athletes dress during 6th period) and extending to dusk – an approximate 2 1/2 hour window. At REV and CVHS, this window is much longer on Wednesday block days, extending to an approximate 3 1/2 hour window.

Traditionally, a weekly practice schedule at a school with Block Scheduling (REV, CV) consists of the following:

- Monday – full practice
- Tuesday – full practice
- Wednesday – Block day / early practice
- Thursday – light practice / walk-through
- Friday – Game Day – no practice

At REV, the school site or Booster Club's rental of portable lights for Mondays and Tuesday's practice allow the football team more flexibility to start practices on these days later - approximately 3:00.

Building a Stadium

What are the concepts for a stadium at REV?

In 2008, REV identified a potential donor(s) to build a stadium. RUSD and REV met with architects to develop a stadium concept to present to the potential donor(s). The project was broken into three phases to make the cost more viable for several donors to partner together and invest in. While the potential donor(s) did not materialize, the concepts developed in 2008 remain as the basis for a stadium project at REV:

Stadium location: At the current track/field location.

Home Sideline: East side of field with bleachers moving up hill between football and baseball fields

Away Sideline: West side of field with bleachers located where current outdoor basketball courts are

Phase 1 in 2009 was estimated to cost \$2,060,814:

- Home & visitor bleachers (capacity similar to CVHS)
- Press box opening two sides (baseball field / football field)
- Lighting of football field and baseball field
- Scoreboard

Phase 2 in 2009 was estimated to cost \$4,334,843 (in 2009 Total Phase 1&2 = \$6,395,657):

- Synthetic Track
- Synthetic Field

Phase 3 in 2009 was estimated to cost \$2,254,180 (in 2009 Total Phase 1, 2&3 = \$8,649,837):

- Home and Visitor Ticket booths
- Home and Visitor Concessions
- Additional restrooms
- Team Rooms (classrooms)

How is Chaffey Joint able to build multiple stadium projects this year?

Chaffey Joint Union High School District encompasses all or part of several inland cities and includes eight comprehensive high schools. In 2012, the citizens within the boundaries of the Chaffey Joint passed an \$848,000,000 General Obligation Bond (Measure "P"). The bonds are being used to construct numerous district projects, including multiple stadiums. The cost of each of the stadium projects is approximately \$15,000,000 apiece.

Has a funding source been identified for a REV stadium project?

No, the potential 2008 donor(s) did not materialize. Further, the State of California does not provide a funding source for stadium projects. Currently, 86% of the District budget is spent on employee salaries and benefits. The remaining 14% of the budget is used to fund all other aspects of District operations, instructional programs, books, supplies, utilities and equipment. In addition, there are several large unfunded capital facilities needs, including but not limited to: planning, construction and opening of Barton Middle School and the planning, land acquisition, construction and opening of a new elementary school in the Harmony Development area. A more comprehensive list of these RUSD unfunded capital facilities needs can be found within this document.

Are there restrictions or obligations regarding building a REV stadium?

Yes, and these are no different than the restrictions or obligations that Dodge Stadium and Hodges Stadium incurred. In California, all building projects on school property are subject to legal and Education Code restrictions, obligations, laws, compliance issues, and policies that exist. These requirements include but are not limited to: Environmental Studies, Environmental Impact Reports, geotechnical investigations and inspection of site for approval, CEQA analysis, public reviews, architectural design, construction designs, DSA approval, ADA access approval, Department of Public Works water and flood agreements, traffic impact reports, noise impact reports, lighting impact reports, public hearings, attorney's fees, request for qualifications, request for proposal from general contractors, and of course school board approval. All of these requirements must be done PRIOR to construction.

Additionally, all construction work on a public school campus must be carried out by qualified, licensed contractors registered with the State to do Public Works projects and these contractors must pay prevailing wages. Further, all construction work on a public school campus must be subject to a competitive bidding process.

Assuming a donor comes forward, what is the process for building a REV stadium?

Monies collected could be initially deposited into a trust fund account established and controlled by the donor. Once any donations are transferred to RUSD, they would be deposited into a restricted account specifically earmarked for the purpose of building a stadium. Financial reports would be made available to report all revenues and expenditures associated with the project for full disclosures.

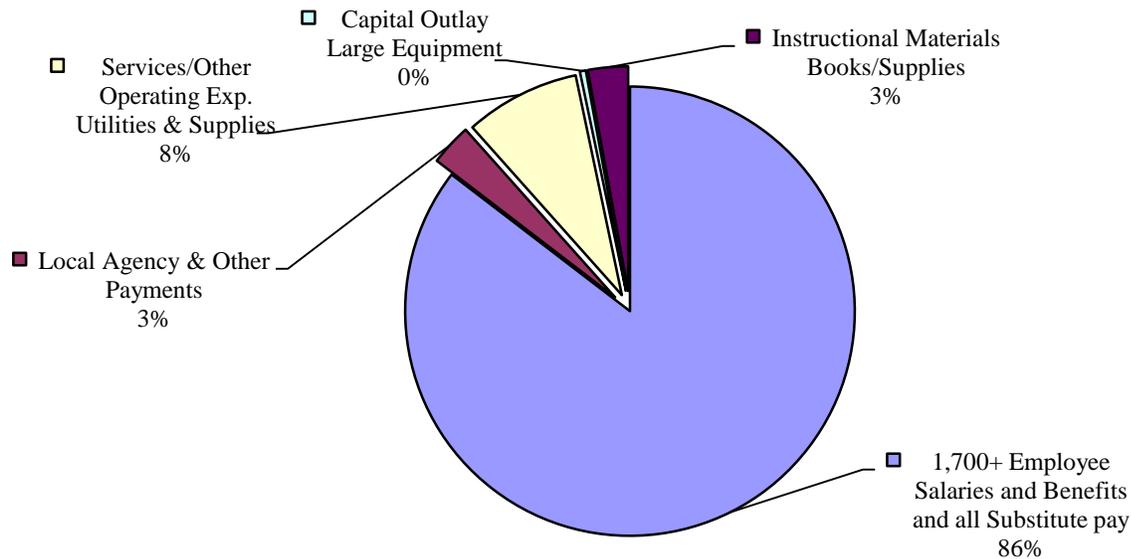
RUSD would then work with architects to update the existing 2009 schematic designs to line out scope of work. Division of phases will be further defined as resources become available. Phases I would include, but not limited to; attorney's fees, architectural design, environmental studies, DSA approval and geotechnical investigation. Phase II would follow the same criteria as Phase I, but would not move forward without adequate monies being deposited into the District's account. Phase III would follow the same suit.

Estimated timelines for the entire project include approximately 6 months for designs; 9 months for DSA approvals; and 7-9 months for construction, depending on how the project is phased.

RUSD Budget and Capital Projects Funding

What are the components of Redlands USD budget?

The State does not provide additional funding for capital improvement projects. In order for school districts to pursue these types of projects, other portions of the budget must be cut. Currently the components of the District's budget are as follows:



What are examples of current capital project needs for the Redlands USD?

In case new funding opportunities arise, the District annually reviews and ranks capital improvement projects that are needed. The unfunded capital facilities needs includes the following types of projects (in no particular order):

- **Building new schools:**
 - Planning, construction, and opening of Barton Middle School
 - Planning, land acquisition, construction, and opening of new elementary school in the Harmony development area

- **Facilities needs:**
 - Parking lot reconfiguration (student safety) at Mentone, Lugonia, Crafton, Mariposa
 - Constructing a parking lot at McKinley (currently have none)
 - Reconfiguring entrance to school (safety) at Victoria, McKinley, Mariposa
 - Construction of permanent office, teacher room, work room at Cram (currently a portable building)
 - Refurbishing Clock Auditorium including such items as seating, sound systems, lighting, restrooms, classrooms, stage area
 - Upgrading technology infrastructure throughout the District
 - Installing DSA approved shade structures on Kindergarten play areas
 - Planning, land acquisition, and construction of a new Transportation / Maintenance & Operations / Child Nutrition Services Facility (move from current site between freeway and RHS)

- Athletic facilities needs:
 - Refurbishing and lighting tennis courts at RHS, Clement, Beattie, Cope
 - Adding softball field lights at RHS, REV
 - Adding baseball field lights at RHS, REV
 - Building Stadium, track, lights, snack bars, entrance gates, team rooms at REV
 - Adding press box and elevator at Dodge Stadium
 - Building indoor basketball court facility at Orangewood High School
 - Procuring permanent soccer fields for Orangewood High School

Bond Information including Measure J & R

Can we spend any leftover Measure R or Measure J funds on a REV stadium or other new identified needs?

No. Under Proposition 39, the ballot measure for a school bond must list the specific school facilities projects to be funded so the voters know what is included when they cast their votes. Districts do not have the ability or right to substitute or add projects or even to spend leftover money on projects not on the list.

Voter approval of a bond measure creates what has sometimes been called a “contract” between a school district and the voters. While this “contract” is not a separate document of the financing, it nevertheless limits the school district’s authority with respect to the bonds. A committee called Citizen’s Oversight Committee monitors District spending of Bond funds.

Measure R (2002)

Measure R authorized RUSD to borrow \$60 Million in 2002. The Measure R Project List from the ballot measure is found on our District’s website:

http://redlandsusd.net/modules/groups/homepagefiles/cms/14429/File/COC/measure_r_projects_ba%20lot_language.pdf?f7c106&f7c106&2a1fda&2a1fda&sessionid=361f85e572ab850af09b8b527ee89f81

Measure R Tax levied is \$4.289 per \$100 of assessed property value (\$42.89 per \$100,000). Tax is levied for properties within the boundaries of the Redlands USD (Redlands, Loma Linda, East Highland, Mentone, Forrest Falls, portions of SB County and SB City)

Measure J (2008)

Measure J authorized RUSD to borrow \$65.5 million in 2008. The Measure J Project List from the ballot measure is found on the District’s website:

[http://redlandsusd.net/modules/groups/homepagefiles/cms/14429/File/COC/PROJECT-LIST\[1\].pdf?f7c106&f7c106&2a1fda&2a1fda&sessionid=361f85e572ab850af09b8b527ee89f81](http://redlandsusd.net/modules/groups/homepagefiles/cms/14429/File/COC/PROJECT-LIST[1].pdf?f7c106&f7c106&2a1fda&2a1fda&sessionid=361f85e572ab850af09b8b527ee89f81)

Measure J Tax levied is \$1.95 per \$100 of assessed property value (\$19.50 per \$100,000). Tax is levied for properties within the boundaries of the Redlands USD (Redlands, Loma Linda, East Highland, Mentone, Forrest Falls, portions of SB County and SB City)

What funds were used to build REV?

REV was built starting with Measure T in 1993 for \$34.5 million. Four years later in 1997, Proposition 203 passed allowing for 50/50 matching funds. This allowed for the Art wing and relocatable classroom wings to be added to the REV site. Not including the purchase of land, \$46,158,431 was used to build, make site improvements, expand, and add necessary furniture and equipment to REV.